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AMUSEMENTS. ALBAUGH's-"The Henrietta."
NATIONAL.-"Miss Esmeralda." Bijor-"My Partner." Kennan's Leavitt's Folly Co.

CYCLORAMA—Battle of Shiloh and Uffner's Royal Midgets.

THE COMMISSIONERSHIP.

The confirmation of William B. Webb to succeed himself as Commissioner of the District of Columbia is something the Senate will not err in granting There have been attacks on Mr. Webb but only from those inspired by per sonal motives, and he is the undoubted choice for the place of the better class of citizens. The business community want him. Those who have at heart

the interests of the District want him. No stronger indorsement in favor of a citizen of Washington has ever been presented to Congress than that asking the confirmation of Mr. Webb. He was born in Washington, grew to manhood here, is known to everybody, and has the respect and confidence of all classes. He is a patriotic citizen of the District. and earnest and enthusiastic in advancing its progress. He has while in office won the regard of Congress and can exert a just influence with that body, because his good judgment is re-Hed upon. Not to confirm him would

be an error. No new man could perform the duties of Commissioner as well as Mr. Webb. His three years' experience has made him familiar with the needs of the District, as he was previously with its laws, Webb's Digest being an acknowledged authority. He has served faithfully, has little more than begun a career of usefulness in the place he ocenpies and should by all means be allowed to continue it. It is, in one respect, a simple business proposition. No commercial nouse would discharge a tried and efficient head of a depart ment for a mere whim and to make place for some amateur in the work, and the same law of common sense which applies to private matters applies to public affairs. To dispense with the services of such a man would be a

Some of his assailants have claimed that Mr. Webb is not as radical a Republican as he should be and there should be objection to his confirmation on such ground. The assertion is simply and unqualifiedly false. Mr. Webb was staunch and true at a time when to be a Republican meant some thing in the District of Columbia; staunch when his present defamers were time-serving shirkers of duty, and he has always remained so. THE CRITIC does not believe that partisanship should exist in the management of District affairs, and, since the question has been raised, it is well that the facts

should be put squarely.

What is to be considered is simply whether or not William B. Webb, nomjusted for the District Commissionership, is the man for the place and the choice of a majority of the people of the District. He has shown his ability and trustworthiness in the position al ready; he has the experience, which doubly qualifies him; he is desired by the respectable portion of the community. His confirmation should certainly

MARY ANDERSON is reported to have been in tears recently because some critic discovered that she was no actress. Mary Anderson should not cry; she should rather be very grateful that the fool public didn't discover the same thing a long time ago.

A New HAMPSHIRE beir gets \$5,000 a yes, and a quarter of a million additionally every ten years on condition that he keeps sober. This is the highest price, probably, ever paid to a man for being good to him-

GOVERNOR WILSON and General Goff of West Virginia having agreed to a compre mise, the earnest people of that far fr prairie State may begin to think about the spring plowing.

THE British view is that the dismissal of Lord Sackville was uncalled for and in bad taste-a mere piece of politics. The melancholy fact is, too, that the British view is about right.

As Ass was what General Rosser made of himself in his speech at Baltimore last night when he declared that "a Southern gentleman can whip a puritanical yankee

THE TARIFF REPORM Convention in Chirage and its taffy to Mr. Cieveland are ewhat in the nature of cold baked meats after the funeral

CHARLES A. DANA and Murat Halstead have organized the Bust-Cleveland or Bust. Trust and have begun operations in New York and Ciscinnatt.

SAM RANDALL, the same old Sam, is a very large and influential man in the Democratic party at present.

Mn. Dana and Mr. Cleveland will not speak as they pass by when Mr. C. moves

SENATOR KENNA and Governor Goff are the most prominent citizens of West Vir-

MR. ROOKS Q. MILLS should slip himself into his Tariff bill and get reformed. SENATOR BLACKBURN seems bound to re

elect Senator Chandler. A CANADIAN GRATOR, speaking before be Union League Club in Chicago, said

WASHINGTON CRITIC | that the term "annexation" was most distasteful to Canadian ears. This is not sur prising. The term "union" used in American newspapers would be more suitable and courteous and induce a better feeling.

> IT IS REPORTED now that Prince Alexander of Battenberg is to marry an opera singer. From the Queen of England's daughter to a daughter of the stage is a great step, but there may be the lack of a other-in-law as an offset,

> THE HARRISONS are packing up their furniture in Indianapolis, preparatory to coming to Washington, but so far nobody has seen anything of Mr. H.'s cabinet any of the wagons.

Governon Leg of Virginia believes in white man's government for Virginia. If the colored brother should become an enthusiastic Democrat, the Governor's be lief might undergo a partial change.

WHEN THE DOORS of Mr. Harrison's Cabinet are opened the odor of the wild and woolly West will slowly but surely exude and permeate the circumambient at mosphere.

CRITICULAR.

BLACKBURN VS. CHANDLER. Have you heard of the fight in Committee? How Blackburn and Chandler in fine Old English derided each other And Joseph climbed Williyam's spine?

Or, rather, how Joe of Kentucky, Neglecting the spine of his dear Old friend from the wilds of New Hamp

Devoted himself to his ear.

They say it was perfectly awful When Joseph got in his wild nip On the aural appendage of William, And nothing could loosen his grip;

Till Faulkner came up to the rescue, And, after the fashion, you know, Of stopping a dog fight, he emptied

Of course, to a man from Kentucky The hydropath treatment is tough; And Joseph let go in a hurry, For one dose was plenty enough.

Except for the foresight of Faulkner, 'Tis said by the persons who know, That nothing beneath the blue heavens Could have made Mr. Blackburn let go

And now let us sing of its glory-Cold water and not Bourbon straight For Blackburn is dampened in ardor, And Chandler is saved to the State

while the pedestrian gets there by feats of If it had been Judge Rucker in committee and not Senator Chandler what would Sen-

The soldier gets there by feats of arms,

ator Blackburn have done? Well bred people are not always the

"Don't you want a man of mind when

upper crust.

you marry?" asked a K-street girl of a "Not particularly," was the reply.

want a man to mind, though, and if h doesn't-well, he'll hear from me pretty quick.

Noble and Filley

(St. Louis Republic.) Notwithstanding the attack made by General Noble on Mr. Filley in the Republican State League Convention held in this city last December, the claim is made that the incoming Secretary of the Interior favors "Old Regularity's claim to the postmaster ship. A prominent Republican stated yesterday that he had heard General Noble re mark that Filley should have the postoffice. Mr. Filley some time ago came to the conclusion to lay low and say nothing, and he has kept his resolution. Very few of those who call at his Beaumont street residence are granted an audience. He has discussed the outlook with only his immediate friends and they loudly proclaim that "the old man" will be well taken care of, notwithtauding adverse reports.

Our Isthmus Rights.

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]
The appropriation of \$250,0.0 for the protection of American rights on the Isthmus of Panama is entirely justifiable. We have certain treaty rights in that quarter which are very important; and a great deal of American capital has been invested there under guarantees which our Government is bound to insist upon at any cost. It may he that no occasion will arise for a resort to extreme measures; but the interests a stake are so valuable that it is proper to provide means for defending them in case it should become necessary.

Is Divorce a Fallure?

[Omaha Republican.] Marriage may be a failure, but what is divorce? In Chicago they have machine in the slot of which a man may drop : nickel and secure a divorce, and yet it is the prevailing fashion among Chicago hus bands to shoot their wives and then them selves.

May Pull Himself.

[Boston Herald.]
The New York Tribune holds out a rather lismal prospect to General Harrison. I ells him he must expect to be pulled this way, hauled that way, and shoved Cother Supposing General Harrison should take a notion to do the pulling and hauling and shoving himself? That would be rather more dignified.

Treading on Truth. Little Johnny (reading the paper for (randpa) — "Doings of the Diplomatic [Terre Haute Express.]

Corpse: Grandpa-Good Lord! Won't they ever let up on Bayard ?

Necessity for Caution. [Chicago Herald.]
If Messrs. Cleveland and Edgerton do not have a care, the present Administration will go out with a bad taste in its mouth.

GIRLS WHO ARE IN DEMAND. The girls that are wanted are good girls -Good from the heart to the lips; Pure as the lily is white and pure, From its heart to its sweet leaf tips. The girls that are wanted are home girls— Girls that are mother's right hand. That fathers and brothers can trust to.

And the little ones understand. Girls that are fair on the hearthstone, And pleasant when nobody seas: Kind and sweet to their own folks, Ready and anxious to please.

The girls that are wanted are wise girls, That know what to do or say,

That drive with a smile or soft word. The wrath of the household away. The girls that are wanted are girls of seaso, Whom fashion can never deceive. Who can follow whatever is pretty And dare what is silly to leave. The girls that are wanted are careful girls, Who count what a thing will cost, Who are with a prudent, generous hand, But see that nothing is lost.

The girls that are wanted are girls with hearts; They are wanted for mothers and wives; Wanted to cradle in loving arms The strongest and frailest lives. The clover, the witty, the brilliant girl,

There are few who can understand; But, oh! for the wise, loving, home girls, There's a constant, steady demand.

THE TOWN'S PHOTOGRAPH.

Droll things happen even in Newspape Row. Yesterday morning there slipped, slid, glided, floated, or, somehow, in some ufet way, came into the office of the New York Times, where Mr. E. G. Dunnell, the head of the bureau for that newspaper, was presiding, an individual whose appearance was dilapidated and self-deprecatory, yet not exactly sad. Mr. Dunnell looked up. The visitor smiled. "You haven't any

old newspapers a few days old which you could spare ?" said he, insinuatingly.

Mr. Dunnell said good-naturally that there might be a paper or two about that

he could spare. The intruder smiled and looked hopeful.

"You haven't even a to-day's paper I could take, have you ?" said he. The correspondent didn't know. He thought it doubtful and said so. The bland visitor spoke again:

"Ah, well, have you a quarter of a dollar about you that you don't need ?" That ended the interview. The with the bumiliated, but cheerful air left that office immediately, but there was a laugh and a degree of admiration of his method. His gradual ascension from an old newspaper to a quarter of a dollar was so smooth, so easy, so like the ascent of a

The following notice has been sent to

THE CRITIC by a correspondent: In the last volume of Appleton's Cyclo-pædia of American Biography, recently published, I have stumbled upon the inclosed article concerning the President Commissioner of the District, and I thought that your readers might be interested in this record of his antecedents as a supporter of the Government during the Rebelli a man of affairs connected with leading business enterprises, and as a prominent

legal authority:

"William Benning Webb. Born in Washington, D. C., September 17, 1825. He was graduated at Columbian College in 1844, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1847, and entered upon active practice, in which he was soon successful. When the civil war opened in 1861 he became captain of a company of District of Columbia volunteers, and when the District police force was reorganized about that time, Mr. Webb was appointed the superintendent. After holding the office for three years and doing much good in the way of organization, he resigned his commission and returned to the practice of his profession. He subsequently became counsel for the Washington Gaslight Company, for Adams' Express Company and the First National Bank of Washington; was also a director in the first-named company and was chosen president of the Washington Bar Association. In 1836he became president of the Board of District Commissioners. He is the author of a collication of the laws of the corporation of Washington, which is accepted as a standard authority."

Military masses, such as the one celebrated in Trinity Church, Georgetown, on Monday, are rare in this country, and not for years, if indeed, ever before, has a military pontifical mass been celebrated in Washington. They are comparatively frequent in Europe though, especially where the Catholic Church takes a prominent part in the affairs of State. It is the highest sort of ceremonial and only done on extraordinary occasions. At the most impres sively solemn moment of the mass, as the bell is tolled, the cannon is fired, and the firing is repeated at intervals of five seconds until the end of the ceremony. It adds a double impressiveness to the grand ceremony, this reverberating boom of cannon, and makes a fitting adjunct to the beautiful ceremony. The cannon firing at night was at the instance of the students,

however, and had no religious significance. The people who rent windows along the Avenue from which to look at the Inauguration parade will have a flint-hearted, hard-to-get-ahead-of lot of people to deal with in some instances. Now, there was a month or so ago a man who had a room in the top story of a building on the Avenue, and the window will command a fine view of the parade. The room is a little one, and our friend probably didn't pay over \$20 a month for it. One day last month some ne who wanted to secure a firm grip on Time's forelock went to our friend and paid him \$15 for his window on Inauguration Day. Our friend was a couple of weeks ago put out of the room for not paying his rent. Three or four days ago the present renter of the room received a call from the man who had paid for the use of the window, and said that he would like to put some chairs in the window and get ready for the great 4th the evening before. Then it developed that the man who got the \$15 safely into his inside pocket had nothing to do with the window on the 4th of March, and furthermore that the present renter of the room had been paid \$50 for the window Inauguration Day by another party. the prudent man's \$15 grip on Time's fore-

lock was insecure after all. A SCENE AT THE CAPITOL

Took It to lie an Earthquake.

Mark Twain relates that he was awakened

from a sound sleep by the collapse of the Park Central Hotel, Hartford. He thought

Park Central Hotel, Hartford. He thought that something had happened to his own house and sprang out of bed in an agony of dismay. When he dearned that his house was uninjured he looked out of the windows to see which of its heighbors had been overwhelmed. The hotel was more than a mile from his house.—New York World.

MATTER WORTH READING.

Street fakirs have been known to exerlugenuity in a multitude of ways to sell their wares, but the expedient of one of their kind in an luterior city caps the climax. His article of sale is a salve, which warrants to take the flery sting out of a burn at once. His method of advertising his remedy is to burn himself, and his pro cedure is thus described: "On a stand in front of him was a vessel of hot coals, in which were heated two or three thin Irot rods. The man was giving a practical demonstration of the efficacy of his salve by inflicting burns upon his hands and then applying the remedy. He would draw out of the fire one of the red hot iron rods, carefully remove the ashes from it and then explain that he proposed to burn his hand with it, after which he would put some of the salve on the horn 'Now' said he this fron makes a very wicked burn, because it is so small. I will raise a blister and then you can see how the salve works.' The crowd watched him curiously and saw him touch the iron to his flesh and then apply the salve, all without evincing a single sign of pain. The man's hand had the appearance of having been burned repeatedly."—[N. Y. Graphic.

The Sea's Secret. Nearly five years ago the steamship Gerlocomotive up hill, that he commanded mania of the Lloyd Line departed from Hague, bound for New York. On board were over 1,000 passengers and a highly valuable cargo. The steamship never reached port. No tidings of her were ever heard, and, although given up for lost years ago, the particulars of her fate were never

Last Friday afternoon, while walking along the beach of "Hassler's Haven," southeast of Melbourne, Mr. Frank P. Hassler found a wine bottle lying on the sands. It was almost covered with barna eles and moss. On picking it up he found it had been securely corked. Scraping the alimy moss off the bottle two ples paper were seen inside. The neck of the bottle was broken off and the papers with-drawn. One was a blank bill of lading of the steamer Germania, Lloyd Line, printed in German. The other paper was simply brown wrapping paper, one side of which was covered with writing in German, the characters being almost illegible. After much trouble the following translation was

The steamship Germania is on fire and sinking. Gale blowing, and all boats swamped. All hope is gone. "JOHANN WEINBERG,

"April 17, 1884." "Stuttgart, Germany. -[Indian River (Fla.) News.

A Story of Coincidences. The Medical Jurisprudence Society re-cently listened to Lawyer Paschall Coggin's relation of a case of mistaken identity that came under his personal observation Two men-John A. Mason of Boston and John A. Mason of Illinois-left their respective homes and went to California in search of health and wealth. They were both wagon-makers. One left a wife and two sons in Boston and the other a wife and two daughters in Illinois. The Boston wife heard nothing of her husband after three years' absence, and twenty years later heard of the death of John A. Mason, wagon-maker. She brought suit for hi property, his photograph was identified by twenty witnesses, but at the last momen the Illinois wife turned up and proved that the man was her husband, and later developments showed that the Boston pioneer had died alone .-- [Philadelphia Record.

Clothing of British Clergymen. Can anything more absurd and less im pressive be imagined than the hat, clothes and boots worn by the British clergymen who throng to London in May? A nonde script, seedy hat, generally of the wide awake description; a long coat cut like a sack, a pair of baggy trousers, very much "knee'd;" a huge pair of square-toed, bulgy boots and a gingham umbrella make up a costume which is at once grotesque and disreputable. The old-fashioned cle gyman used at least to dress like a gentle man, and the Roman Catholic priest has a peculiar and unmistakable style of his own I quite fail to see, therefore, why the modern curate should array himself like a cros between a broken-down undertaker and a cafe waiter out of work .- [London Truth

Where the Miracle Came In-A Spanish priest, who had the care of mall school, was relating to his pupils the miracle of "feeding the multitude," but by an unlucky chance he reversed the num bers, and told the class that 5,000 leaves had been eaten by five men. "And did the men burst, padre ?" cagerly

asked a sharp little 10-year-old, delighte at the idea of having for once caught his teacher in a mistake. "No, my son," replied the ready-witted

riest, recollecting himself just in time that was where the miracle came in. [Christain Observer.

Diamonds in Teeth. "If the fool-killer is in town I can direct him to a certain number on one of our fashionable boulevards where he will find a

ripe subject." This remark came from a young man is my presence, and I asked what he meant. "I was sitting in a dentist's office to-day," he said, "when a fashionably-dressed weman came in and wanted her teeth examined. The dentist made an examination and told her that her teeth were in good condition and that they needed no repairing. One of her front teeth, the dentist told me afterward, had a gold filling which was artificial and had been inserted not from necessity but for effect. This filling she wanted removed and a diamond set in its place. She said she was tired of the plain, every-day gold and wanted a real solitaire diamond set in the center of a nice white tooth. The woman lived on one of the most aristocratic boulevards in Chicago, and the dentist gave me her name

The fad of having diamonds set in the teeth, while not much indulged, is not new, as it was started in New York about a year I asked Dr. A. B. Clark what his experience had been with diamond-filling and told me he had never been applied to for so aristocratic a filling and did not believe he had a customer who would be so foolish as to want it. The cost, he thought, aside from the cost of the diamond, would be about \$40, mayte more.

"I have known cases," he said, "where wemen have had cavities bored into good sound teeth and gold set in purely for show, and it is very common, when I am preparing front teeth for gold filling, to be asked by both male and female customers to do the filling from the front, so the gold can be seen."-[Chicago News,

A CABINET LULLABY. Soft narmurs such as these Luli now the small McKees, When waves of silence deep Break on the shores of sicep! Hust, davlings, do not fret-

"Hush, darlings, do not fret—
Rest now, each precious pet,
Grandpa's new Caldnet
Is much belated.
Rock-a-by—hrough the dask
Gilmmer the eyes of Rusk,
Miller the corn will hask—
For that he's sisted.
Windom may keep the cash
(breams press each drooping lash);
Up from each slate I smash
Smilles Wanamaker,
Baine's ghost is on the lawn,
E-sice's has come and gone—
Som, they'll he catching on
To Uncle Sam's pay-car."
—(Chicago News,

COMING AMUSEMENTS

The distinguished actor, Robert Mantell, will appear at Albaugh's next week in a magnificent spectacular revival of Alexunder Dumas' romantic drama, "The Corsican Brothers." For this production entire new scenery and costumes will be used, while the stage traps, slides, chairs, vampires and trick furniture are similar to those used by Irving in London. room scenes shows the Interior of the Opera House during a masquerade ball. In this ct a number of appropriate specialties are introduced, among them are the clever "Lorellas" and the "Davenport Brothers" in their latest acrobatic feats. Mr. Mantell has achieved a great success in Baltimore Misses Churlotte Rebrenz, Marie Sheldon and Kate Vandenhoff, and Messrs. Mark Price (once a member of the Washington stock company,) Kendall Weston, B. T. Ringgold and Archie Lindsay.

ment at the Bijou next Monday night, with the usual matinees. The following is an ex-There were no chestnuts; even the jokes of the end men were new, and the Barlow Brothers' Minstrels kept the large audience in a continuous roar of laughter. In the olio the Barlow Brothers were the feature, yet the wonderful juggling of Adrian, the nusical specialties of Conway and McLeod, the specialties of Eugene Mack and the banjo playing and sayings of Frank Arm-strong constituted a rich and entertaining Commencing Monday, Harry Williams Own Specialty Company will be the attraction at Kernan's for the week. Among the artists are Bobby Gaylor, "Himself;" Frank Bush, famous funster; Maggie Cole-

Barlow Brothers' Mastodon Minstrel Ag-

gregation will inaugurate a week's engage

and Magee, "men of nerve;" Miss Isabella Ward, the famous musician, and a lot more, with one of Bobby Gaylor's great after pieces. Sunday, March 3, there will be a sacred concert, night and matinee. The variety entertainments at the Globe go on from week to week with growing success, and next week there will be a fin feast of vaudeville attractions. The Globe, for the money (10, 20 and 30 cents), gives

man, English dancer; Frank and Lillian

White; Dogmar, the Danish wabler; Mullen

show that cannot be excelled anywhere. The Stoddard Lectures begin at Congregational Church March 5, and season tickets are now on sale at Eilis' music store. Sale of single seats begins March 1.

The receptions by the Royal Midge s. Lucia Zarate (weight 42 pounds), and Major Atom, the smallest people in the world, at the Battle of Shiloh building, have been very successful and will continue through next week. Receptions are held from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. Battle of Shiloh, from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Hampden Zane and Miss Cockburn will omit their usual reception to-day. Dr. and Mrs. Bryant of New York are visiting friends on Eleventh street, between

L and M streets. A party of army friends will be entertained at dinner to-day by Surgeon-General and Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Judge Schoonmaker of Nineteenth street will not be at home to-day on account of illness.

Cards have been issued by Secretary and

Mrs. Endicott for a reception to the army and navy on Monday evening next. The guest of Surgeon-Generel and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Green of Portland, Ore., will visit, to-day, Judge and Mrs. Kelley of N Mrs. John Lynch of 1522 Connecticut

avenue will be assisted at her reception today by her guest, Miss Spring, of Portland, Me. A tea will be given on the 28th instant by Mrs H W Blackford and her daughter,

Miss Anna B. Blackford, in honor of their guest, Miss Broadhead of New Jersey. Mrs. Senator Cockrell's reception yesterday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Walker, proved to be a very enjoyable affair. Only a few were invited to meet Mrs. Walker. Secretary and Mrs. Whitney last evening

brought to a close for the season their series of grand receptions which have made their home famous throughout the country. At the residence of Mrs. Hearst yesterday afternoon an elegant gathering of society people were entertained by Mr. Moncure D. Conway, who read an original paper, the subject of which was "Washingte

A fancy dress ball was given last night under the auspices of Miss Wilson's Duncing Academy. There was a large attendance of the pupils and patrons of this institution, and all present thoroughly enjoyed the dances which, with one or two exceptions, were danced for the first time

The Washington Light Infantry Corps gave a ball last night at their armory. Lieutenant H. R. Wade was the master of ceremonies, and was assisted by Sergeant ooke, Corporal Kittler, Privates J. B. K. Lee, Speer, Nunes and Kennedy. The programme consisted of eighteen numbers, and the music was rendered by an orchestra from the National Guard Band.

In the "Cosmopolitan" for March Mrs Lizzie A. Tompkins has an interesting article on Washington homes, including among others "Oak View," "Edgewood and a number of city houses. There are also several interior views. The illustrations are all excellent and the descriptions are unusually clear and accurate. The article is highly creditable to Mrs. Tompkins and is a very charming compliment to Wash-

ington as a city of homes. Mr. George Martin, the well-known Washington correspondent, and Miss Alice, daughter of ex-Congressman Darwin R. nes of Brooklyn, were married in that city last Wednesday evening. They are now on a short tridal tour and will return to Washington and make their home here, where both Mr. and Mrs. Martin have many friends. On Tuesday evening Miss Grace James, a younger sister, and Mr. Crittenden Adams of New York were married, and after a trip abroad will' reside in New York city.

ONLY SMOKE.

No person should smoke at all until he is full grown or before his 25th year. The Thracians imbibut smoke by employing the aromatic seeds of certain plants for the titiliation of their nostrils.

Herodotus says that the Babyloniaus

sed to cast bundles of herbs into the dre and then stand around the flames and inhale their fragrance. Jean Nicot, from whom the essential oil of tobacco was named, introduced the herb to Catherine de Medicis, while Sir Walter Raleigh presented it to Queen Elizabeth.

That smoking is injurious to health in adults is often urged. It probably very often is, and so is tea and coffee drinking carried to excess. However, most of the centenarians are smokers. Tobacco should be credited as a part of

the discovery of Christopher Columbus, When he first met the Indians they "were imbibling the fumes of tobacco in the shape of a cigar." This cigar was not wholly of tobacco, though. It was a stalk or straw tube filled with this weed. But the Indians smoked pipes chiefly.

HUSBANDS THEY DON'T WANT.

THE CRITIC's request that ladies should tell through its columns something of the and of husbands they don't want has Frought numerous replies. Some of these are admirable in the keen intuition and good sense they show, and they are printed gladly. It would be hard to find more interesting matter. It makes good reading for men and women alike. A number of the letters referred to are here given: A REEN OBSERVER. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Editor Critics

I haven't any husband myself, and the more I see of my friends' husbands, the more varieties of the species, I find that I don't want. My friends tell me that I'd be much happier married, but when I contrast their positions with my own I must confess to being reminded of the fox who was bereft of his tall. I'm not a bit of a man hater. I think a manly, intelligent, man is one of the most delightful of created ob jects. I'm not particularly anxious to be an "old maid," but think that decidely preferable to marrying "the kind of hus band I don't want," viz., to wit, namely: A goody-goody man, a preacher or a S. S. superintendent, a "beauty" man, an un tidy one, a selfish or a lealous one, a man who smokes from five to twenty cigars per day and preaches economy to his wife; a man who chews tobacco or smokes clearettes. Good cigars are all right, but I draw the line at cigarettes. A man who doles out small amounts to his wife, first making her tell him just what she is going to do with it, and makes her feel like ; convicted pickpocket when she has to ask for money for household expenses. Inger-soll may be an infidel, but he could give some Christians points on this subject. A man who is continually criticising his wife before children, visitors and servants; a man who is charming, courteous and simply delightful to every woman except his wife; one who believes that every man is superior to all women, and fancies he proves his superiority by continual slurs on everything feminine. There are several more on my "little list," but I'm afraid this will be too long. .

A GOOD IDEAL.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Editor Critic: I ear you want to know what kind of a husband the girls do not want. I think you are very wise to put the question in that form as it is certainly easier to answer. Every girl wants a husband and every cap have one if she be not to fastid But of course every girl has her ideal

standard. I do not want a husband who is not man in mind, in stature and in years; must be not less than 30 years of ageless than five feet nine in stature i inferior in the development of his mia well-educated woman-for I have f Mr. Editor, that most of the men met have been less well-educated the am, much as I hear of the higher edu of men. No woman can respecinferior and consequently no man # marry his superior.

I do not want a man who has been s by his mother, who has been brough think woman was made to wait up nobler sex and should take with what remains after he has all he wa I do not want a man who thinks cannot understand business, will

wife none of his affairs, and then a of extravagance and thoughtlessne I do not want a man who will wife to ask for every penny she nee hands her just the (which, of course, is the smallest can possibly manage with, since it tremely disagreeble to ask for a and will then inquire afterward if

spent it all. In my impartial observance I havthat these small bad habits have what would otherwise have befeetly happy marriage and cause est unhappiness and mortificati wife. Of the more serious failing speak, of course, as being entire. the question and not to be tolera. who are dissipated in any way sho The odor of a good eig lightful to me; an occasional "swe lends a mild spice to conversa "goody-goody" man for me. Per think my letter might be sum saying I want no selfish man, bu think it is always selfishnes; this mode of conduct; rathe

thoughtlessness and bad habits. As for the minor matters of hair, eyes, mustache, etc., I take it they do not enter into the spirit of your inquiries.

ONE WHO STILL HOPES. CLEARLY PUT. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Editor Critics The kind of husband I do not want is one who lacks manliness, who does not exhibit a strict sense of honor and all courage, just as he would exact absolute chastity and gentleness from a woman, and who is well regarded among men. I would rather have him poor and help him as I might, than have him well-to-do and a mere trader. I do not want one who is lacking in education and delicate tastes. Much may be forgiven in the man who has not the points I have named.

M. E. S. PIQUANT AT LEAST. Washington, Feb. 19.—Editor Critic: The one kied of husband I don't want is the husband I've got. Is that sufficiently to the point? Mus. M. N.

B street southeast. NO EGOTIST DESIRED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- Editor Critic: I lou't want that kind of a husband, who

thinks I want him. I have found by observation that that sort of a man does not make life as pleasant for a woman as she is worthy of, even though she is not the MISS BERTIE H. worthiest. IN THE MAJORITY.
GEORGETOWN, Feb. 20.—Editor Critic: There are husbands and husbands, and the kind one does not want usually exceeds every other variety so largely that I'm

quite willing to continue in single blessed-

ness. B. G. R. NOT TOO PARTICULAR. Washington, Feb. 18.—Editor Critic: Why do you ask what kind of a husband us women don't want? Don't you know we all do want? I don't think there is a living woman who can say there is any kind of a husband she doesn't want. She may say so now, but after years of waiting she gets willinger and the "anything, Lord," period comes to all of us. I don't think it is any of your business what kind of a husband I

don't want. MARY N. A BASE SCOUNDREL. ROCKVILLE, MD., Feb. 19.-Editor Critic. I don't want a husband that doesn't want I don't want a husband that takes his tea;

I don't want a husband that stays out late; I don't want a husband that thinks he's I don't want a husband that has no cash; I don't want a husband that's on the mush: I don't want a husband that won't and can:

W. H. ATALIE.

I don't want a husband-for I'm a man.

Yours, W. H. ATALIE, A widower with a grown daughter is a thing that I abominate. Nothing would in duce me to form a partnership with any man whose fortune in the matter of chil is already made. No woman could enjoy married life at its close without having had some share in its earlier accomplishment. Besides, the "grown daughter" is always in the way of the mistress of the

house. She thinks her right to the father is greater than the wife's right to the husband. I don't want such a man.

JENNIE FRY. Editor Critic: I don't want a doctor, for the simple reason that when I think he is attending a serious case of peritonitis he may be at the walking-match hurrahing for the Omaha Cyclone or for the beautiful

I don't want him because he is so like the Irishman's flea. STLVIA. A CARDINAL CRIME.

A man whose hair is flamingly red May do for some girls, maybe; But not for one who looks ahead And thinks of that poor baby.

Dear Critic: I don't want a cross-eyed man, because every other woman will fancy he is looking at her. I don't want an ambitious man, because

in his effort for self he will forget his wife. I don't want a politician, because, under the new order, he might be made Secretary of the Pumpkin Department. I don't want a soldler, because there

might be no war and he might not be killed. CLARA. DOESN'T WANT AN M. C. Editor Critic: There's only one kind of man that I shall be particular to avoid, and that is the Member of Congress. He belongs to the ephemera and is up to-day and down to-morrow. He is mere food for the trout that glides in the waters of society. As long as he is up and fluttering about in the sunshine he is well enough, but when he is down he gets further down than any other human creature. He falls harder, because he files higher. Spare me from Member of Congress. DISCONSOLATE.

A man who wears a big moustache That's always in the soup, Who often thinks he's made a mash, And tries to make a scoop; Who feels that he is quite the sage,

The tiger of the tea, Is well enough to fill the cage Of some menagerie; But for a busband, no-sir-ce. A thing like that is not for me.

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